

I suggest that the Commission investigate carefully the allegation that propagation on 80 meters and 40 meters does not provide adequate coverage, and that the proposed 60 meter allocation would provide those in the Amateur Radio Service who are interested in severe weather related communications, with new capabilities. A more accurate rationale for the action proposed in RM-10209 may be the serious problem with the divergent Regional authorizations for the 40 meter band, which currently renders 40 meters useless for emergency communications except during strong daylight hours.

I submit that the Commission's efforts would be better spent working, through the IARU Region 2 Conference next October, to resolve the problems which have existed with international 40 meter allocations since WW2.